



NON-METROPOLITAN LOCAL OFFICIALS, GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES

While not technically considered public participation, SAFETEA-LU reaffirmed that consultation efforts with non-metropolitan local officials and Tribal Governments ensures that rural and tribal issues are addressed. Caltrans recognizes the need to consider consultation in these areas as well as with various resource agencies for future statewide long-range transportation planning and programming efforts and documents those processes here.

Consultation with Non-Metropolitan Planning Agencies and Local Officials

Regulations require the State to provide for non-metropolitan local official participation in the development of the long-range statewide transportation plan and the FSTIP, and to develop a documented process for consulting with non-metropolitan local officials.

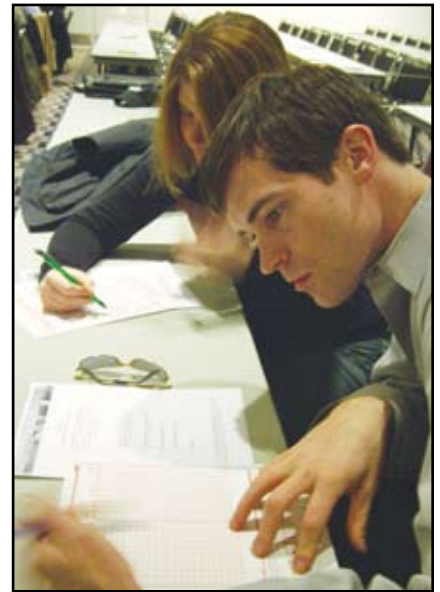
Caltrans consulted with the metropolitan and non-metropolitan planning agencies during the updates of the CTP 2025 and the CTP 2030,

and will continue to consult with them on substantive changes to statewide transportation plans and programs. Caltrans will continue to consult with the non-metropolitan regional agencies and local officials as required by FHWA and FTA, and as expressed in the Non-Metropolitan Local Official Consultation Process adopted January 28, 2004 (Appendix G).

Tribal Government Consultation

While Caltrans continues to encourage outreach for Native American participation in long-range transportation planning and programming, federal regulations require, and SAFETEA-LU reaffirm, the requirement for the State to engage Tribal Governments in government-to-government consultation. Caltrans consulted with Tribal Governments during recent statewide transportation planning updates and will continue to enhance ongoing consultation efforts with Tribal Governments in future updates.

Caltrans consulted with Tribal Governments at regional meetings





statewide (in the north, central, and south regions) during the last CTP update in order to ensure that their perspectives and issues were addressed. In addition, tribal leadership participated on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) as well as the Consultation Meeting for the CTP 2030 Addendum (approved in October 2007). Every effort will be made to ensure that Tribal Government perspectives and issues are addressed early in future updates to the CTP.

Resource Agency Consultation

Caltrans consulted with natural resources and environmental agencies during the development of the

CTP 2030 Addendum to support the SAFETEA-LU requirement to consult and compare plans, maps, and data. We also proposed a seamless process for bridging transportation planning with environmental planning and resource planning efforts. During the development of the next CTP update, we will continue to consult with federal, State, and tribal governments and wildlife, land management, and regulatory agencies to identify environmental mitigation activities and areas with the greatest potential to restore and maintain the environmental functions affected by our activities. The goal and focus of that CTP update will be to encourage and refine ef-



orts in considering environmental issues early in the transportation planning process and to expand the framework to support implementation of the consultation process.

Consultation: The Next Step

Caltrans began its consultation effort for the CTP by conducting a meeting with tribal, environmental and resource agencies during the development of the CTP 2030 Addendum (see Consultation Meeting: A First Step in CTP 2030, p. 21). The agencies that participated in that January 2007 effort are included in the Consultation Stakeholder Participants list included in Appendix H. This consultation process will be further expanded in scope during future updates of the CTP. We will also append independent efforts that document progress in updating any consultation process to the PPP.